

NOTES FROM CHINESE PAPERS.
(*Chungking, Coo.*)

Wen Taotai, who sometime ago received permission from the High Provincial Authorities of Canton to encourage the silk industry in the province of Chungking, by ordering several hundred thousands of mulberry trees from the silk-producing districts of Huohoh, Chia-hang, and Nanzing in Chekiang province, and who has already planted great numbers of these trees wherever he thought they could be of use, has recently been disappointed upon the report that the old and neglected upriver for the olders and head sea of thirty-six villages bordering on the sea coast, who have refused to plant the mulberry tree in their country on the ground of unsuitableness of climate, &c., and who upon being reprimanded by the High Authorities for their obstinacy, immediately have taken the same course.

known what will be done in the matter by the authorities. Five thousand heads worth of mulberry trees are reported to have been destroyed by the mob.

(Kupao).

H. E. Liu, Wu-chang, Szechwan, who has suffered from ill health lately, sent memorial the other day asking permission of the Throne to allow him to retire from public life and requesting that a successor should be appointed to the Viceconsul. The Emperor, who highly respects his Excellency, has partly been taken and the great loss has been undergone by him during the prison times of the Taiping Rebellion; has, however, refused to appoint a successor, but grants two months' leave to the Viceroy to have a rest from his duties. His Excellency, however, seems to have decided altogether from public service, for, as first, he has already sent his family back to his native land, and intends to present another memorial at the expiration of his leave.

Last summer a church belonging to some missionaries in Tsai-tzu-shien, Chinghai, was burnt down by a cowardly named Yü Ma-shan and his band of 100 Chinese, who headed a large gang of desperate characters and made things pretty hot for the missionaries, but the authorities sent a force to Tsai-tzu-shien, and, apparently, quiet was restored, while at the time the sum of Ta. 30,000 was paid to the missionaries for the destruction of their property. The missionaries' bricks' then went up to build the missionaries' dwellin' houses for the rebuilding of the church. This having been done the authorities set about to arrest the

sun-hsien, accompanied by some of his soldiers, and yamha runners, went and paid a visit to the Chinese. The Chinese, however, refused to let these men refused to be led like lambs to the slaughter, and a conflict ensued, during which the Chechens suddenly found that they had urgent business elsewhere, and his men took the opportunity to make a dash for the bordering of the same opinion, the whole of the Chechen army was made good of the matter faster than usual, with the valuable assistance of the Chechen and his valiant followers were anxious to keep happened to be at a place where the company of cavalry troops were quartered. Now the Chechen army was supposed to be possible for such a dignified body of troops were enlisted and the Chechen soldiers under Yu-man-tai led his cousin, Yu-hsien, to the Chechen army. He attacked the following day. A subterranean fight ensued, resulting in some half-dozen soldiers being killed, and the numbers of the villagers being sent the same day to pay tribute to their forefathers. Yu-man-tai was captured, but his cousin, Yu-hsien, was not captured and was at once shorted of his stature by a head, whilst the valiant Chechen man now proudly shows his left hand, the middle finger of which somehow got left in the field of battle that day.

carried between Ichang and Chungking is boats. Merchants who have heard at least once that the Yangtze is the longest river in the world, if they have not seen such things done in Shanghai and other ports, have taken advantage of the facilities thus given them to travel the Yangtze, which has already earned a great many thanks to the importance of Chungking. The Insurance Company is reported therefore to be making a "raiding business" of it.—*Shanghai Mercury.*

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Quotations.

HONGKONG, February 14, 1893.

OPIMUM—New Patna, cash.....	602/605
" Old " cash.....	598/600

"	Old	cash	—
"	New Malwa credit		620
	Allowance, Catties,	1/2	
"	Old Malwa, credit,		530
	Allowance, Catties,	1 1/2	
"	Persian, Oily, cash,	—	
	Allowance, Catties,	—	
"	Persian, Paper tied		450/60
"	Allowance, Catties,	6/10	

Temperature.

HONGKONG, February 14, 1893.

Premises, Queen's Road.)			
BAROMETER—	9 A.M. ...	...	30.23
Do.	1 P.M. ...	...	30.15
Do.	4 P.M. ...	...	30.14
THERMOMETER—	9 A.M. ...	...	54
Do.	1 P.M. ...	...	60
Do.	4 P.M. ...	...	58
Do.	(Wet bulb) 9 A.M.	...	52
Do.	Do.	1 P.M.	55
Do.	Do.	4 P.M.	58

	Previous days 4 p.m.	On date at 10 a.m.	On date 4 p.m.
Barometer ...	30.12	30.30	30.19
Temperature	56	56	57
Humidity ...	75	81	76
Direction of Wind ...	ESE	ENE	E

Weather	c	c	b
Rain	—	—	—

Highest open air temperature on the 18th.....56
 Lowest open air temperature on the 18th.....53
 Hongkong Observatory, Feb. 14



